

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:)	Before Examiner Jerry L. Cumberledge
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COMPRESSION DEVICE)	
AND METHOD OF USE)	Date of this filing: September 12, 2008

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action having a notice date of May 12, 2008, ("Office Action") in the above application, please consider the following remarks. This paper is being filed within one month of the shortened statutory period specified in that Office Action, so Applicant requests a one-month extension of time to file this response (to and including September 12, 2008), the fee for which is being charged to USPTO Deposit Account No. 50-0410. If any other fees are due or overpayments have been made, please charge or credit them to that Deposit Account, but not to include any issue fee.

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Applicant's Remarks begin on page 11.